

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figure 2 as shown in the attached replacement sheet of such figure.

REMARKS

Claim 13 is pending. By this amendment, Figure 2 and the specification are amended; claims 1-12 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; and claim 13 is added.

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Figures 2 and 3 were objected to. Figure 2 has been amended to obviate the objection. The claim language referred to with respect to Figure 3 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus rendering moot the objection.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to Figures 2 and 3 are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Tazaki. (Japanese Patent Application Publication 2002-74663). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus rendering moot their rejection.

As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicant provides the following remarks regarding claim 13.

Tazaki discloses that the two input signals Ec are supplied to the differential amplifier 44 and noise is eliminated from both signals, and the signals are detected from a pickup. See Figure 3 and paragraph [0031]. However, Takazi does not disclose or suggest that the differential amplifier 44 includes a first input terminal connected to a second end of a second transmission path, the second end of the second transmission path being connected to the drive main portion through the cable.


It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Should further issues require resolution prior to allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

YAMAMURO -- 10/607,582
Client/Matter: 008312-0304517

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

PILLSBURY WINTHROP SHAW PITTMAN LLP


John P. Darling
Reg. No. 44,482
Tel. No. 703. 770.7745
Fax No. 703.770.7901

Date: February 28, 2006
P.O. Box 10500
McLean, VA 22102
(703) 770-7900

Attachment:

Replacement Sheet (Figure 2)